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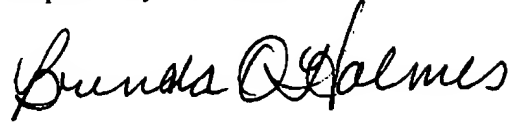
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Enterprises Offering Items for Exchange Over a)	
Communication Network)	

AGENDA FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Pursuant to the Examiner's Request, this Agenda is submitted for the telephone interview scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2003 at 10:00 A.M. The undersigned proposes discussing independent Claims 1 and 34 and, in particular, distinctions between the claimed invention and U.S. Patent No. 6,336,105 to *Conklin et al. ("Conklin").*

PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR DISCUSSION

1. (Proposed Amendment) A *computer network* system for aggregating information from a plurality of enterprises offering items for exchange over a network, the system comprising, *computer or database*

a host in communication with the enterprises over the network;

each enterprise maintaining a separate exchange, each enterprise having an enterprise database for storing information about items available through each separate exchange, and each enterprise enabling shoppers to interact directly with each separate exchange to obtain the information about the items;

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[handwritten: computer or database]

the host automatically collecting and analyzing the information about the items

from the enterprise databases associated with each of the enterprises, ~~wherein~~

~~collecting and analyzing~~ the information includes collecting and analyzing

information about a selected item available from at least two of the enterprises, and

[handwritten: computer or database]

a host database in communication with the host and adapted for storing the

information collected from the enterprise databases,

[handwritten: computer or database]

wherein the host is further adapted for providing a host graphical user interface

through which the shoppers can view, over the network, the information stored in the

host database.

[handwritten: computer implemented]

34. (Proposed Amendement) A method for tracking *the* progress of bids placed

on one or more items offered for purchase at a plurality of auction sites, the method

comprising:

[handwritten: computer or database]

providing a host in communication with the auction sites over the network,

providing a host database in communication with the host,

periodically searching the plurality of auction sites across the communication

[handwritten: computer or database]

network via the host, and retrieving auction information posted by the auction sites,

~~wherein retrieving the auction information~~ includes retrieving auction information

corresponding to a selected item from at least two auction sites, and

extracting from the auction information item information associated with items

offered for purchase by the auction sites, and storing the item information within a

hierarchy of item categories in the host database.

REMARKS

The claimed system and method aggregates information from multiple

enterprises having separate exchanges and provides that information to shoppers.

Claim 1 specifies a step of automatically collecting and analyzing the information

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